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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON FAISAL'S MURDER

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- 1. BY WEEKEND (APRIL 5-7) SOVIET PRESS HAD DROPPED REFERENCES TO U.S. COMPLICITY IN FAISAL'S MURDER. WEEKLIES AT END OF LAST WEEK ALSO AVOIDED ANY HINT OF OFFICIAL U.S. INVOLVEMENT.
- 2. WEEKLY NEW TIMES (APRIL 4) WRAP-UP ON SAUDI ARABIAN DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THAT FOREIGN PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT THE BACKGROUND TO FAISAL'S ASSASSINATION ENCOMPASSED MANY VIEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMONG WHICH WERE OPINIONS THAT "WESTERN" OIL MONOPOLIES MIGHT

HAVE HAD SOME LINK TO THE MURDER. HOWEVER, NEW TIMES DID NOT MENTION ANY PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTING CIA OR OTHER OFFICIAL U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND PLOT REFERENCE WAS BALANCED BY REPORTS FROM U.S. CITING OFFICIAL VIEWS REGRETTING FAISAL'S DEATH. WEEKLY ZA RUBEZHOM (APRIL 4) DID NOT CARRY STORY ON FAISAL'S DEATH, BUT REPORTED NEW REGIME HAS AFFIRMED SAUDI ARABIA'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

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